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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | |
| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-5 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-5 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-5 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations: | | | |
| Document 1: JP 7-32133 Y2 (Aki Boeki K.K.), 26 July 1995, full text, all drawings | | | |
| Document 2: JP 45-24978 Y1 (The Sailor Pen Co., Ltd.), 30 September 1970, full text, all drawings | | | |
| Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 182940/1986 (Laid-Open Utility Model No. 87072/1988), (K.K. Kotobuki), 07 June 1988, full text, all drawings | | | |
| [Claim 1] | | | |
| The invention described in claim 1 appears to be novel and involves an inventive step. | | | |
| In particular, the following technical features of the invention described in claim 1 are not disclosed in any of documents 1-3. | | | |
| <p>On the inner sheath, there are provided on the front end surface, a projection for rotation range limitation, and on the inner periphery surface, a cam for refill sliding, and a cam for tip-fitting sliding,</p> <p>the refill sliding body and a tip-fitting sliding body are respectively provided with a sliding protrusion on the outer surface thereof, the sliding protrusion engages with the cam for refill sliding and the cam for tip-fitting sliding, and</p> <p>a connector comprises a member for rotation range limitation on the outer surface thereof, and the member for rotation range limitation restricts the inner sheath rotation.</p> | | | |
| Moreover, these technical features would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art based on documents 1-3. | | | |
| [Claims 2-5] | | | |
| The inventions of claims 2-5 include all of the features described in claim 1. | | | |
| Therefore, based on the above reasons presented for claim 1, the inventions described in claims 2-5 appear to be novel and involve an inventive step. | | | |